

Filed for intro on 03/27/2002

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 619  
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to recognize the accomplishments of Theodore "Ted" Bryant, Sr. and his contributions to the history of this nation and state.

WHEREAS, it is an honor for the members of this General Assembly to recognize the achievements of those Tennesseans, who, through their inherent abilities and talents, have made an indelible impression upon the culture of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Theodore "Ted" Bryant, Sr., is one such accomplished citizen who, in 1986, made his mark as the only African American printer in Chattanooga for over a half century; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hamilton County, Mr. Bryant achieved a distinction attained by very few African Americans when he served for seven years as a radio and staff announcer at WDXB Radio Station in Chattanooga during the late 1940s and early 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Ted Bryant assumed a position of leadership in Chattanooga during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, and his steady presence and strong influence helped to give rise to peaceful social change in the midst of unsettling fears; and

SJR0619

01313731

WHEREAS, he has left an indelible impression on the history of Hamilton County and the State of Tennessee as one of several citizens whose open defiance of segregation laws sparked a flame of rebellion that forever changed the consciousness of our State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant's heroic deeds and willing sacrifices helped to lay the foundation for the social and political diversity that characterizes Hamilton County and the State of Tennessee today, and to him is owed a debt of gratitude; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we commend Theodore "Ted" Bryant, Sr., a man of great stature and superlative accomplishments, for his contributions to the history of Tennessee, Hamilton County, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.